GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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Increase in Freight and Passenger Output
Scindia Shri Jyotiraditya Madhavrao

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether freight and passenger output has increased much more
than track kilometres over the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether large scale construction of new lines is likely to take place in the near future; and

(d) if so, the details thereof ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)
(a) & (b): Yes, Madam. The combined freight and passenger output has increased by 4.88% over the last three years and is more than the increase in the track kilometres. This is due to optimization of the asset utilization by way of increasing the axle load for carrying additional traffic per wagon, increasing the length of trains, deployment of higher capacity locomotives and wagons etc.

(c) & (d): Construction of new lines is a continuous process and the decision for the same is taken on yearly basis after taking into consideration the issues like (i) remunerativeness, (ii) last mile connectivity, (iii) missing links, (iv) alternate routes, augmentation of congested/saturated lines, socio-economic considerations etc. Depending upon throwforward of ongoing projects, overall availability of funds and competing demands, proposal for new lines are considered. Accordingly, proposal for construction of 18 new line projects covering a length of 3210 Kms. has been included in Railway Budget 2016-17 subject to requisite clearances.
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